



Hinwood's Herald

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20 April 2011 – Meeting 1057

Quote of the Week:

"If we are the only intelligent life in the universe, at least there's a finite number of idiots."

80% of our club turned up after many had a late night watching Keith Urban.

Chris Morris was our guest speaker this week, and he and his wife Merryn were our only visitors. Chris spoke this time about his lung transplant after having talked with us 3 years ago about organ donation. His message was that if you wish to donate your organs you need to have your surviving family on board, because that is where it stops. Australia still has the lowest number of volunteer organ donors. Chris was both funny and emotional whilst speaking about not only the effects that occurred to him but the depression that Merryn suffered. Well done to you both.

A warm welcome back to Bruce Hemmet as he and Julie try to get some normality back in their lives after an horrendous year. I'm sure they will enjoy a few weeks holiday of rest and recreation.

Anne Jacob is off to Kenya to do her bit in helping the local population. I'm sure that she will have plenty of interesting stories on her return.

Di Ford is off to some of the islands around PNG to deliver some much needed medical assistance in early May.

Brain Yeo is still has vacancies for some starters to Walcha Road Hotel. I can recommend the trip and the cuisine and the company.

John Fogarty praised all 18 members of the club who assisted on the bar and gate at the Tamworth Rugby last Saturday.

Next week we should have a few of Sunrises' joining us for brekkie as they move their time to ours because of Good Friday.

Enjoy your week.

Regards

David

GUEST SPEAKER Chris Morris, Lung Transplant Recipient



Chris was introduced by Brian Yeo and thanked by Garnet Wood.

It was three years ago that Chris spoke to our Club about organ donation. Chris says that he could then hardly walk up the stairs and today made it up without much effort at all! He is also back on the golf course, enjoying regular games.

Chris said that he had been through a 'great experience'. He emphasised that if you want to be an organ donor you must tell your family as in about 50% of cases intending donors are overruled, despite the number of forms filled out, etc. Chris took us through his journey. He was given very short notice to be at St Vincent's for the operation and had to speed all the way from Tamworth to Sydney to make it time - 3 hours and 22 minutes!! Next thing he knew he woke up with new lungs! Chris acknowledged the amazing and dedicated medical staff. He said that there were many sad stories, many patient don't have carers. Chris paid tribute to his wife Merryn who was a wonderful support. Both Chris and Merryn are now involved in Carers and Hospital Support through St Vincent's. Chris came home after 14 weeks. Now 18 months since the operation and is now at 85% of capacity. Goes back every 3 months for a check up. Chris goes to the gym 3 – 4 times a week and plays golf. Now planning an overseas golf trip. Chris said that he could not have done this all without his wife, Merryn.



Chris Watson presents Kylie Eakin with a \$2,500 cheque being proceeds from the Santa Pub Crawl and the Longest Line Dance. Thanks to Chris for organising and to First Light Members who participated in the fundraising events.

Sunrise Club will be joining us at our meeting on 20th April, please integrate for breakfast.

Wedding Bells
Congratulations to Chris Watson
who is to be married on Saturday
16th April 2011

UPDATES/ NEWS / DIARY DATES

- RYLA 2011 - RYLA was completed on 9th April at Lake Keepit Sport and Recreation Centre with 21 graduating RYLarians. The RYLA dinner, hosted by the Rotary Club of Manilla on Wednesday evening 6th April was an excellent night with good attendance from RYLarians, family and friends and Rotarians from around the District.
- Chris Watson advised that \$2028 was raised on Saturday night at the Australian Masters Dancing Championships for Cancer Council Pink Ribbon Appeal.
- Rugby Roster - next game 30th April. You can be rostered on the gate if you don't have RSA. John Fogarty is the contact person.
Mobile: 0438 664359 and email ellwood-102@bigpond.com
- Accommodation / hosts needed on the evening of 29th April for six Brazilians. There are two couples and a father and son.
Contact Louise Matthews at lmjew@bigpond.com.au
- Careers Expo Wed 18th May at TRECC. Breakfast Meeting will be at TRECC with set up to follow. More details later on.
- Club Social Outing Saturday 7th May Walcha Road Pub. Numbers limited to 40. Cost \$60/person includes train from Tamworth to Walcha Road, Meal and return bus to Tamworth. This year, something different for those who wish to 'kick on' we have booked 3 rooms at the hotel and then catch the train back in the morning. For bookings contact Brian at brian.yeo@bigpond.com *Payment please at our meeting on 20th April.*
- RYAG Equine – There is a lot of interest in the programme from potential participants, need a committee to organise. Please indicate your interest to Norm Dezius, Barry Biffin or Annette Arthur.

DISTRICT 9650 LONG TERM YOUTH EXCHANGE

Applications from years 10, 11 and 12 Students to depart January 2012 are now being called for. **Come On... Give an Australian Student the experience of a lifetime....** Applications are available from the Club Secretaries or the website www.rotaryyouthexchange9650.com.au

ROSTER	20 th April 2011	27 th April 2011
Guest Speaker	Paul Stevenson	Paul Bennett, General Manager Tamworth Regional Council
Topic		
Meeter & Greeter	Rob Sharp	Annette Arthur
Door Team	Alan Coates & John Toulmin	Ian Howle & Ross Lobsey
Welcome	Peter Hinchcliffe	Phil Heffernan
President Assist	John Treloar	Phil Penman
Visitor Assist	Vicki Cooper	Graham Dooley
Corporal Assist	Campbell McIntosh	Barry Murphy
Introduction	Dennis Johnson	Peter Ryan
Vote of Thanks	Steve Massey	Mark O'Connor

CORPORALS for April: Barry Biffin and Greg Birtles

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND INDUCTIONS	
Members Birthdays	25 – 04 Graham Nuttall
Partners Birthdays	21 – 04 Roslyn Maunder 24 - 04 Kim Hinchcliffe
Anniversaries	21 – 04 Laurence & Elizabeth Hearne (32 yrs) 21 – 04 Terry & Sue Robinson (27 yrs)
Induction into Club	21 – 04 Patrick Mahony (1 yr) 23 – 04 Tim Coates (8yrs)
Attendance	80%
Make Ups	Rugby Bar - numerous
Visiting Rotarians	Nil
Visitors	Merryn Morris
Head and Tails	John Fogarty
Raffle	Greg Birtles

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RUGBY DRAW HOME GAMES

Magpies Rugby Bar and Gate

Contact John Fogarty Mobile: 0438 664359 and email ellwood-102@bigpond.com

Sat 30th April	Magpies v's Narrabri (4 games - 10.00 am start for the gate).
Sat 14th May	Magpies v's Gunnedah ("Ladies Day" - T BC)
Sat 21st May	Magpies v's Scone
Sat 4th June	Magpies V's Barraba
Sat 18th June	Magpies v's Walcha
Sat 2nd July	Magpies v's Inverell
Sat 16th July	Magpies v's Quirindi
Sat 6th Aug	Magpies v's Moree

Are you lonely ???

Don't like working on your own ?
Hate making decisions ?

Then call a MEETING !!

You can
SEE people
DRAW flowcharts
FEEL important
FORM subcommittees
IMPRESS your colleagues
MAKE meaningless recommendations
ALL on COMPANY TIME !!!!



MEETINGS

THE PRACTICAL ALTERNATIVE TO WORK.

PRESIDENT ASSIST

To ensure members who are rostered for the duties of, Meeter and Greeter, Door, Visitor Assist, Welcome to our Members & Guests, Introduction of the Guest Speaker(s) and Vote of Thanks are present and if they are not to find a replacement and ensure those people's names are updated on the President's Running Sheet. Select the Table Order (after the head table). **Need to be in attendance by 6.30 am**

DOOR TEAM

To record the attendance of our members and guests, collect meeting dues, and if possible balance the cash float i.e. monies paid = money received. **Need to be in attendance at 6.30 am**

MEETER & GREETER

To meet & greet our members & welcome guests to our Club at the top of the stairs and to hand name badges to members. Also ensure any guests of members or visiting Rotarians are introduced to the Visitor Assist to ensure they are made feel welcome.

Need to be in attendance at 6.30 am

VISITOR ASSIST

To ensure any visitors to the Club are felt welcome by introducing yourself to them and other members and guests of our Club. To also include them in fellowship before and if necessary make sure they are included with several members for breakfast and are not left on their own. **Need to be in attendance from 6.30 am**

WELCOME

To publicly welcome our Members & Guests (following the introduction) to our meeting when called upon by the President or his/her substitute.

Need to be in attendance by 6.50 am (or earlier)

INTRODUCTION

To make yourself known to our Guest Speaker/s, assist them to the head table and sit with them. During breakfast find out some information about the guest speaker which will assist you in your introduction.

VOTE OF THANKS

To move a vote of thanks to our guest speaker, and present a little thank you gift (ensure you have it before the meeting commences and take notes during their presentation to ensure your thank you is informed).

CORPORALS

To assist the Sergeant by putting out all Club Property and putting away at the conclusion of the meeting. **Need to be in attendance by 6:30 am.**

CORPORAL ASSIST

To assist the Sergeant, by putting away all Club Property at the conclusion of the meeting if the Corporals are unable to do so.